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TOPIC	Information on KVP Units in the Eggesin Area	
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1. In mid-September 1953, Section A of Installation VIII at Karpin quartered a KVP artillery regiment, the soldiers of which wore red-bordered black collar patches. The regiment which was commanded by Major Durweiler, had a ration strength of about 500 men. However, it was, allegedly, intended to increase the unit to 1,000 men. The unit was mainly assigned guard missions. On 12 September, two companies of the regiment left the installation on 13 trucks, allegedly, for employment in the Berlin area. 25X1

2. Section B of Installation VIII also quartered an artillery unit whose soldiers wore the same service color. The unit had a ration strength of 550 to 600 men. Some 122-mm and 152-mm artillery pieces were parked near the ordnance shop. 25X1

3. During the reported period, source observed 36 T-43 tanks, 35 two-axle armored scout cars, and 32 trucks at the parking lot near Installation VIII. The 76.2-mm AT guns observed there in July 1953 were no longer seen. 25X1

4. The dates mentioned by Bau Union Nordost in Prenzlau for the completion of barracks buildings have not been kept so far. It was expected that the buildings involved would be completed in the late fall of 1953.

5. On 22 September, 180 sidecar motorcycles of Soviet make were being unloaded at Eggesin railroad station. The motorcycles which had a piston displacement of 750 cubic centimeters, were, allegedly, fitted with devices for the mounting of machine guns on the handle and the sidecar. Source learned that a total of 800 motorcycles was scheduled to arrive. 25X1

6. On 23 September, six new tanks arrived at Eggesin railroad station, where another five new tanks had been unloaded some weeks before. the tanks in use with the KVP were to be replaced by new equipment. 25X1

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7. [redacted] a total of 307 million eastmarks 25X1  
was still required for the improvement of the training field near Forgelow and  
that a sum of 54 million eastmarks had been approved for 1954.

8. About 12:30 p.m. on 23 September, 35 three-axle prime movers, 20 of them  
towing 152-mm guns and 10 85-mm AA guns, proceeded through Eggesin toward  
Ahlbeck. The crews of the artillery pieces were loaded on the trucks 25X1

9. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 24 September, firing at naval and air targets was  
practiced on the beach near Altwarz. In the morning, 85-mm AA guns fired  
at a sleeve target towed by a twin-engine plane in straight flight; in the  
afternoon, heavy artillery pieces fired at targets towed by a large sea-  
going tug.<sup>6</sup> 25X1

10. On 29 September, a KVP unit detrained at Eggesin railroad station. The train  
consisted of 36 passenger cars and 6 troop cars. [redacted] about 200 men 25X1  
who carried small arms and wore blue and yellow-bordered black collar patches.  
The detrained unit was trucked away. 25X1

11. On 28 September, a farewell party was given to about 120 KVP officers in the  
Strandhalle in Jeckermuende. The officers who belonged to all branches of service  
were allegedly to be transferred to Poland. The officers left on 30 September.  
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12. In late September, [redacted] 150 KVP officers had returned from a 25X1  
training course in the USSR.<sup>7</sup>

13. A large loading ramp about 300 meters long was completed at Hoppenwalde, about  
5 km south of Ueckermuende. The section of the ramp which makes possible the  
unloading of heavy vehicles is 100 meters long.

14. About 9 a.m. on 11 September, about 500 KVP personnel who wore field equipment 25X1  
were marched from the billeting area in the woods near Eggesin to the railroad  
station. The soldiers were loaded into boxcars which left toward Fasewalk. After  
the train had left, another 400 to 500 KVPs were entrained and dispatched in the  
same direction. A third troop train with about 600 men left about 4 p.m. About  
10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 12 September, 500 KVPs each were entrained and dispatched  
in the same direction. [redacted] the 25X1  
units were to be employed in the Berlin area for about six weeks. After the units  
had left a large portion of the tent camp in Jagen (forest district) Nos 183, 184,  
205 and 206 was vacated. [redacted] most of 25X1  
the tents were scheduled to be dismantled. In early September, the remaining tents  
allegedly still quartered 600 men.<sup>8</sup>

15. KVP training activities observed in the Eggesin area between 15 September and  
5 October included:

15 September. At 10 a.m., 30 men armed with carbines and two light machine guns  
were training in the vicinity of Teeroften.

17 September. At 9 a.m., firing of artillery pieces was heard from the direction  
of Karpin.

18 September. At 2 p.m., 3 T-34/85 tanks and infantry soldiers were observed  
practicing in Jagen. [redacted] Practice ammunition was used. 25X1

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21 September. At 8 a.m., 12 trucks each of them loaded with about 20 KVPs armed with carbines left toward Altwarp and returned about 5 p.m.

23 September. At 10 a.m., 4 tanks conducted driving school in Jagen. From 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., the firing of artillery pieces was heard from the direction of Karpin.

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28 September. Between 10 and 11 a.m., source heard artillery fire from the direction of Karpin.

29 September. Between 3 and 4:30 p.m., 4 T-34/85 tanks were observed firing with practice ammunition near Teeroften.

5 October. Many trucks loaded with personnel were seen leaving toward Altwarp.

16. During the reported period, construction activity in the wooded area near Eggesin decreased considerably. [redacted] 25X1  
 only minor work was being done. Battering equipment was trucked to the area almost daily. Since recently, the approach roads to the wooded area have been guarded by KVP soldiers. Officers' dependents moved into several houses of the officers' settlement. About 11 a.m. on 2 October, about 900 KVPs who wore blue collar patches arrived at Eggesin railroad station. The unit was quartered in permanent barracks buildings in the wooded area.<sup>9</sup> 25X1

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1. [redacted] Comment. Prior to June 1953, the howitzer artillery regiment of Mechanized Division Eggesin had a strength of about 1,200 men. Through discharges and the transfer of several batteries to other KVP units the strength of the regiment decreased by about 60 percent. Since the recruiting campaign for the KVP continues, it may be expected that the regiment will gradually be brought again to a strength of 1,000 men. 25X1

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3.  Comment. The armored vehicles observed belonged to the mechanized regiments of the division which are also stationed in Karpin. 25X1

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6.  Comment. Firing practices by AAA units have been observed in this area throughout the summer of 1953. 25X1

7.  Comment. Already in the falls of 1951 and 1952, KVP officers returned from courses at a military academy in the USSR, while at the same time other KVP officers left for the USSR. No information is known on courses in Poland. 25X1

8.  Comment. These data confirm previous reports according to which elements of Mechanized Division Eggosin were employed in East Berlin from mid-September to mid-October. 25X1

9.  Comment. The shipment observed on 2 October probably came from Berlin. 25X1

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